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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, NSA/PO56/B2

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT: Nan-K'ou-Shu Missile Launch Site Search

REFERENCE: (a) Requirement NSA/PO56/R-18/63
(b) CIA/PID Project C 351-63

1. This memorandum is in response to your requirement dated 15 March 1963 requesting a search of the Nan-K'ou-Shu, China area for evidence of a missile launch site.

2. A thorough search within a 20 nautical mile (nm) radius of Nan-K'ou-Shu (24-16-15N 115-59-15E on AMS Series L 500, Sheet NG 50-14) was performed on good quality CHURCH DOOR [REDACTED] photography with negative results. The total area of interest was not covered on [REDACTED] photography [REDACTED] due to terrain/camera obliquity conditions. However, the area was completely covered on [REDACTED] photography [REDACTED]. The general terrain in the search area is quite rugged and the search was concentrated along the main and arterial roads leading from Mei-Hsien (Kaying) to Hsing-Ning (Hingning). No changes in groundscarring, road patterns, or building construction was apparent in the three month span. There were no launch pads, checkout buildings, or facilities identified which could support a sustained surface-to-surface missile project. A temporary firing point for a road mobile system may be indistinct on [REDACTED] photography.

3. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED] and he may be contacted on code [REDACTED] should you have any further questions concerning this requirement.

4. This project is considered to be complete.

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